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APPEAL No. 2009-005987

**SUBMISSION REGARDING HEARING ATTENDANCE AND REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF EXTRA TIME FOR APPEAL HEARING**

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Further to the August 12, 2009 confirmation of hearing attendance regarding the above-referenced application (hearing scheduled for September 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m.), it is submitted that a Japanese interpreter will accompany the visitors listed in the confirmation of hearing attendance.

In view of the need for translation it is respectfully requested that extra time be allocated for the hearing to accommodate the additional time which will be required for the translation.

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